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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET ADDRESSING
RURAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

DOCKET NO. 00-00523

**PETITION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("Petitioner"), pursuant to § 4-5-310 and § 65-2-107 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

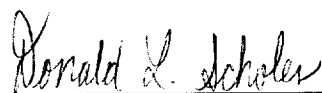
1. Petitioner is certified to provide competitive local exchange services and intrastate interexchange services in the State of Tennessee. Petitioner provides wireless communications services in the State of Tennessee.
2. The subject of this proceeding, universal service for rural areas, and the outcome of this proceeding directly affects the Petitioner's interests and business practices in the State of Tennessee.
3. Therefore, Petitioner seeks to intervene in this proceeding to ensure that its interests are represented as they relate to this matter.
4. Petitioner's interests will not be adequately represented unless allowed to intervene in this proceeding.
5. Petitioner's participation will not impair the interest of justice or the orderly

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and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

Based on the foregoing considerations, Petitioner urges the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to grant the request for intervention.

Respectfully submitted,

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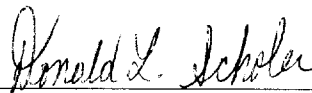
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